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## Rep. William F. "Bill" Cotty newest member of the EOC

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**Columbia** – Rep. William F. "Bill" Cotty of Columbia has been appointed to serve as a member of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (EOC).

Rep. Cotty's appointment by Rep. Dan Cooper in the coterminous seat reserved for the Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee or his designee begins immediately.

"Representative Cotty brings with him experience and knowledge of the South Carolina educational system," Cooper said. "He will be a valuable representative to this group."

Rep. Cotty, who has served in the House since 1995 representing Kershaw and Richland counties, said he looks forward to his service on the EOC.

"The Education Accountability Act has opened the door to new ideas for improving public education in South Carolina," Cotty said. "The EOC is where the policy for the future of education will be determined. I am proud to have the opportunity to serve on the committee."

Rep. Cotty received a bachelor's degree from Erskine College, where he served as Student Body President. He received his Juris Doctorate degree from the University of South Carolina.

Cotty currently serves on the House Ways and Means Committee and the Public Education Subcommittee. He is currently Chairman of the Property Tax Subcommittee.

The EOC is an independent, non-partisan group made up of 18 educators, business persons, and elected officials who are appointed by the legislature and governor to monitor and review the implementation of the 1998 South Carolina Education Accountability Act, the Education Improvement Act, and the K-12 system.